

Minutes for Training Committee: November 3, 2010

Guests: Amy Anthony, Stella Nelson, Dr. Timothy Calicott, Jon Swanson, Helen Huitt

Members present: Larry New, Greg Brown, Norajean Miles-Harrell, Jimmie Bryan, KC Jones, Dr. Monte Gagliardi, Jamin Snarr, Joe Chappell, Dr. Karen Konarski-Hart, Dr. Danny Bercher, Jerry Hutchison

Members absent: Amanda Warren, Ken Kelly, Judy Taylor, & Wesley Gay

Meeting called to order by Dr. Danny Bercher at 10:07 a.m.

Rules and Regulations revision update

Greg Brown said that Section of EMS is looking at new rules and regulations and seeing how they fit Arkansas code. Probably will not be complete until next year (2011). The rules and regulations will be going before the board of health. The fee changes are going before the state legislature next year.

Jamin Snarr asked how the open EMS positions in the section of EMS are going. Mr. Brown said that there are 4 positions open. They include 3 specialists and one data entry position.

Meeting minutes: Motion to accept Joe Chappell; KC Jones second, motion passed.

Licensure Report (Norajean Miles-Harrell)

She said total # of paramedics and EMTs has increased. Slight decrease in # of Advanced EMTs.

Continuing Education requests are up with 2,942 to date. Last year we were at 3,108.

She said that Arkansas first time pass rates are about 5% lower than the national averages.

She also presented a document bearing EMT instructor suggested qualification guidelines from NASEMSO.

She also presented the National Registry timeline for implementing the new examination reflecting the new education standards. EMT will be January 1, 2012.

She suggested that all instructors in Arkansas utilize the new education standards by January 1, 2011. She also presented a list of the EMS Transition Course Instructor Orientation. When the March EMS Professionals renewals get their packets, they will be made aware of the requirement to attend a transitional course. The Instructors orientation takes six hours.

New Ambulance Association Representative: Ken Kelly Absent due to other commitments.

Launch Criteria and education for BLS services (Dr. Monte Gagliardi) was presented. Dr. Gagliardi stated that rank and file flight crews have expressed concern for Helicopter EMS launch criteria to be established, curriculum to be developed, and education of EMS providers. There have been well documented cases of misuse of HEMS. Dr. Gagliardi said he would bring the same presentation to the Air Ambulance Committee and the Governor's Advisory Council.

Dr. Calicott commented that there should be data pulled together about the utilization of HEMS in order to evaluate the problem.

Jon Swanson said that the new Trauma Call Center would serve as a data source for the utilization of HEMS. The call center will not be able to track medical patient transports at the initial onset of the rollout of the call center.

Next meeting set for February 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Freeway Medical Tower, Suite 800, Section of EMS.

KC Jones asked about the committee that was supposed to meet about training site pass rates. Jamin Snarr said that he would set up a Google discussion group.

Vacant Chair position for military position. Norajean asked the committee to present any military EMS individuals as committee member recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dr. Danny Bercher, Secretary of EMS Training Committee